

September 10–11. These persons will be allocated time as time permits.

Anyone requiring information regarding the Commission should contact Ms. Palmer.

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*Name:* National Advisory Committee on Rural Health.

*Dates and Time:* September 15, 1996—3:00 p.m.

*Place:* The Historic Inns of Annapolis, 16 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, Phone: (410) 263-2641, FAX: (410) 268-3813.

The meeting is open to the public.

*Agenda:* The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, with an orientation. A reception is planned following the orientation.

The plenary session on Monday, September 16, will convene at 8:30 a.m. with a legislative update and an overview of the Office of Rural Health Policy activities. Committee members will review the American Public Health Association's resolution, "Rural Health Goals: Guaranteeing a Future." The remainder of the day and Tuesday, September 17, will be devoted to formulating Committee recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Committee members will meet in their workgroups—Education and Health Services and Health Care Financing—to draft these recommendations. The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18. Adjournment is anticipated by 12:30 p.m.

Anyone requiring information regarding the subject Committee should contact Dena S. Puskin, Executive Secretary, National Advisory Committee on Rural Health, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443-0835, FAX (301) 443-2803.

Persons interested in attending any portion of the meeting should contact Ms. Arlene Granderson or Lisa Shelton, Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, Telephone (301) 443-0835.

Agenda Items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: August 5, 1996.

Jackie E. Baum,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
HRSA.*

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### Request for Comments on Legal Issues Related to Telemedicine

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Pub.L. 104-104), Congress directs the Secretary of Commerce, in

consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to submit a report highlighting the activities of the Joint Working Group on Telemedicine (JWGT) and other Federal activities to promote the cost-effective use of telemedicine (Section 709). The JWGT is a Federal interagency working group that examines issues and makes recommendations regarding national policy on telemedicine. The Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, provides staff support to the JWGT. Telemedicine is defined as the use of modern telecommunications and information technologies for the provision of clinical care to individuals at a distance.

In this notice, we seek comments identifying the legal barriers to the cost-effective use of telemedicine and specific suggestions for overcoming these barriers. In particular, we seek suggestions for easing licensure barriers to physicians and other health professionals providing telemedicine services across state lines, and comments on specific alternatives, such as those recently proposed by the Federation of State Medical Boards and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Respondents are encouraged to explore the advantages and disadvantages of a wide range of options such as various types of limited state licensure, registration of out-of-state physicians as proposed in California, regional and national initiatives to expand reciprocity among states, national licensure in terms of their impact on access and quality of health care services, and feasibility and cost of implementation. In addition to addressing cross-state licensure issues, respondents are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions on other legal issues associated with telemedicine such as liability/malpractice. Finally, we are asking respondents to identify the particular challenges in assuring privacy, confidentiality, and security in the conduct of telemedicine and provide suggestions for addressing those challenges. Comments will be reviewed and considered for incorporation into the final report to Congress.

**DATES:** Comments should be filed on or before August 30, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of comments should be sent to: Dena S. Puskin, Sc.D., Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9-05, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dena S. Puskin, Sc.D., 301-443-0835, dpuskin@hrsa.ssw.dhhs.gov.

Dated: August 8, 1996.

Ciro V. Sumaya,

*Administrator.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-3778-N-97]

#### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 9, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: August 2, 1996.

Jacquie M. Lawing,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.*

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